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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Office of National Estimates

SUBJECT:

Request for a National Estimate on Guatemala

REFERENCES:

- a. Memorandum of Conversation with State Department, 19 July 1951 (TS 61213).
- b. Memorandum, C & D Branch, OPC, 26 October 1951.
- 1. OPC considers that Guatemala constitutes the most immediate problem for OPC activity in the area of responsibility of the Western Hemisphere Division—a position the State Department has confirmed in the first memorandum of reference. Inasmuch as the situation in Guatemala is complex and requires the greatest discretion in any covert moves to be made by the United States Government, it appears appropriate to call upon the full intelligence facilities of the Government in the preparation of plans for future action.
- 2. The Office of National Estimates, therefore, is respectfully requested to authorize and direct a complete study of the present Guatemalan situation in its implications and possibilities regarding United States security interests in the Western Hemisphere, and to transmit it to WHD/OPC by 1 March 1952.

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